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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*ex rel.* RUTH L. RUCKMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALFRED H. CHAN, M.D., P.C.; ALFRED  
H. CHAN, M.D.; JUDY H. CHAN; and  
DOES 1 through 50,

Defendants.

No. C08-5532-RBL

**FILED UNDER SEAL**

**ORDER**

The United States has filed an *Ex Parte* Application for an Order Partially Lifting the Seal in this case so that the United States may, at its discretion, disclose the existence of this *qui tam* action to any one or more of the defendants and provide defendants a copy of the complaint. The Court is satisfied that a partial lifting of the seal is not inconsistent with the seal provisions of the False Claims Act and may expedite the governments's investigation and resolution of this matter.

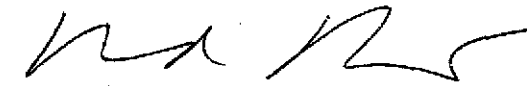
THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the United States' Application for an Order Partially Lifting the Seal shall be granted in order that the government, in its discretion, may disclose the existence of this *qui tam* action and provide a copy of the Complaint to any

1 one or more of the defendants. The Clerk shall otherwise maintain the Complaint and other  
2 filings under seal for the duration of the government's investigation or until otherwise ordered  
3 for the Court.

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5 DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, ~~2008~~ 2009.

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9 RONALD B. LEIGHTON  
United States District Judge

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